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SUBJECT: KEY ISSUES AT 29TH UNGA

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1. ACCOMPANIED BY DCM DUMAS, I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER SAYE ZERBO SEPTEMBER 10 AT HIS REQUEST TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ITEMS ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF 29TH UNGA. I HAD PREPARED AND LEFT WITH HIM AIDE-MEMOIRE IN FRENCH COVERING FOLLOWING ITEMS: SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, NAMIBIA, KHMER CREDENTIALS, KOREA, HUMAN RIGHTS, MIDDLE EAST, STEAMROLLER TACTICS (WHICH I LABELLED "PROBLEMS OF GA RESOLUTIONS"), WORLD CONFERENCES ON FOOD AND POPULATION, UN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE, UN BUDGET, US EVALUATION INITIATIVE, AND UN SALARY INCREASE. AIDE-MEMOIRE WAS BASED ON TRANSLATION TRANSMITTED IN REF (B).

2. HAVING JUST RECEIVED STATE 197515, I GAVE HIM ORAL PRESENTATION OF US POSITION ON KHMER CREDENTIALS BASED ON STATE 192437 AND 192560. I STRESSED SECRETARY'S STRONG INTEREST AND CONCERN REGARDING THIS
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MATTER AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT UPPER VOLTA DELEGATION

WOULD NOT VOTE TO EXCLUDE DELEGATION IN GOOD STANDING BUT WOULD SUPPORT CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTION WHICH COULD LEAD TO PEACE OR AT LEAST DEFERRAL OF THE ISSUE.

3. WHILE AGREEING THAT EXCLUSION OF DELEGATION IN GOOD STANDING WOULD BE BAD PRECEDENT FOR IN., ZERBO WAS NON-COMMITTAL. HE SAID THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR SMALL NATION LIKE UPPER VOLTA TO UNDERSTAND SITUATION PREVAILING IN CAMBODIA. HE AGREED THAT KHMER PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE FREELY TO DETERMINE ITS OWN FUTURE AND SAID HE WOULD CONSULT IN U.N. CORRIDORS BEFORE FINALIZING HIS POSITION. WHILE I DO NOT BELIEVE HE WAS CONVINCED BY MY ARGUMENTS, MY PRESENTATION SEEMED TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON HIM. PERHAPS AN ABSTENTION BY UPPER VOLTA IS STILL A POSSIBILITY. I URGED HIM TO CONSULT AMBASSADOR SCHAUFEELE BEFORE FINALIZING HIS POSITION AND HE AGREED TO DO SO.

4. ZERBO WAS MORE FORTHCOMING ON KOREAN QUESTION. HE SAID UPPER VOLTA WAS IN FAVOR OF MAINTAINING DIALOGUE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AND WOULD NOT SUPPORT A RESOLUTION WHICH FAVORED ONE SIDE AGAINST THE OTHER. I GAVE HIM ORAL TRANSLATION OF RESOLUTION SUBMITTED SEPTEMBER 3 (USUN 3012) AND HE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT UPPER VOLTA COULDS SUPPORT IT.

5. WITH REGARD TO BOTH MIDDLE EAST AND PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, ZERBO AGREED WITH US POSITION THAT NOTHING WOULD BE GAINED AT THIS STAGE BY PUTTING PUBLIC PRESSURE ON INTERESTED PARTIES.

6. AT HIS REQUEST, I GAVE ZERBO SUMMARY OF U.S. POSITION ON IRANIAN MENFZ ITEM BASED ON PARA 18 REF (A). HE THANKED ME BUT OFFERED NO COMMENT. HIS ONLY OTHER QUESTION CONCERNED STATUS OF STATELESS PERSONS BUT, BEING UNFAMILIAR WITH THIS PARTICULAR AGENDA ITEM. I WAS UNABLE TO HELP HIM.

7. ZERBO APPEARED TO BE VERY POORLY BRIEFED ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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VARIOUS ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING OUR CONVERSATION. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT HE WILL BE CARRYING DETAILED INSTRUCTION ON MOST AGENDA ITEMS AND HE WILL PROBABLY BE EXPECTED TO MAKE DECISIONS ON THE SPOT WITHOUT CONSULTING OUAGADOUGOU. IN REACHING DECISIONS, HE WILL BE INFLUENCED BY AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU AND BY HIS AFRICAN COLLEAGUES.; I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR USUN, PARTICULARLY AMBASSADOR SCHUFFELE,

TO BREIF HIM
FURTHER ON SOME OF THE KEY ISSUES. HE EXPECTS TO
ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 20.
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